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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Because the foregoing changes introduce no new matter, their entry is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

In the Office communication mailed June 5, 2007, the Examiner indicated that the information disclosure statement submitted April 27, 2007 ("IDS") was filed after the Notice of Allowance mailed January 29, 2007. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that the IDS will be considered before issuance of the present application.

Informalities Noted in Notice to File Corrected Application Papers and Notice of Drawing Inconsistencies

The informalities in the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed October 11, 2007 ("Notice to File") are noted. The Notice to File recommended that Applicants amend the specification to delete references to FIGs. 16-67. FIGs. 16-67 were cancelled by the Rule 312 Amendment after Allowance filed April 27, 2007, in response to a Notice of Drawing Inconsistencies mailed March 16, 2007 ("Notice of Inconsistencies").

Instead, Applicants have amended the specification to include a brief description of FIGs. 16-67 and re-submit herewith the previously filed 22 drawings sheets including formal FIGs. 16-67. Support for the amendments to the specification, in particular the Brief Description, may be found in the specification as originally filed. For example, support for the brief description of Figure 16 may be found on page 86.

Applicants submit that the drawings and specification are now consistent as required by the Notice to File and Notice of Inconsistencies. Applicants believe that all the informalities noted in the Notice to File and Notice of Inconsistencies have been fully and adequately addressed or are rendered moot by the present Amendment.

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Abstract and Rule 312 Communication mailed June 5, 2007

In the Response to Rule 312 Communication mailed June 5, 2007, the Examiner required Applicants to provide an Abstract. In response, Applicants have amended the application to include an Abstract in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.72.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Notice to File Corrected Application Papers and the present application is in condition for issuance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Although Applicant does not believe any fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (Attorney Docket No. 067456-5033-US).

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Response is respectfully requested.

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In the Drawings:

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes FIGs. 16-67. These sheets are identical to the replacement drawing sheets including FIGs. 16-67 which were filed June 24, 2004, and subsequently cancelled from the application by the Amendment filed April 27, 2007.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s) 20-41 including FIGs. 16-67.